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# IT'S OFFICIAL

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday announced a formal impeachment inquiry by Congress into President Trump over reports he sought foreign help to get dirt on political rival Joe Biden. 2

# THINGS TO KNOW

Official probe will explore whether president violated U.S. Constitution.

The U.S. House of Representatives will launch a formal impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump over reports he sought foreign help to smear a political rival, setting up a dramatic clash between Congress and the White House that has spilled into the 2020 presidential campaign.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the inquiry on Tuesday after a closed-door meeting with Democratic lawmakers, saying Trump's actions appeared to have undermined national security and violated the U.S. Constitution.

"The president must be held accountable. No one is above the law," said Pelosi, who for months had been reluctant to embrace an impeachment effort.

Trump fired back quickly on Twitter, calling the inquiry "Witch Hunt garbage."

Pelosi's change of heart followed reports that Trump had pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a July 25 phone call to investigate Democratic presidential front-runner Joe Biden and his son Hunter, who had worked for a company drilling for gas in Ukraine.

Trump promised on Tuesday to release a tran-

# House to launch Trump impeachment inquiry over Ukraine controversy



President Donald Trump, left, and Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives. GETTY IMAGES

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U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

script of his phone call. He has acknowledged he discussed Biden in the call, but denied he withheld nearly \$400 million in U.S. aid to Ukraine as leverage to get Zelensky to launch a probe that would damage Biden, who leads opinion polls in the Democratic race to face Trump in the November 2020 election.

Pelosi said the six congressional committees currently investigating

Trump would continue with their probes as part of the inquiry. Those panels would work collaboratively, and then decide whether the House Judiciary Committee should draft articles of impeachment, House aides said.

"The actions of the Trump presidency revealed a dishonorable fact of the president's betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of our national security and

betrayal of the integrity of our elections," Pelosi said.

Congressional allies of Trump said Pelosi was playing politics with the decision. Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called it "a rush to judgment" and said it should have waited until after details of the phone call were revealed.

"It simply confirms that House Democrats' priority is not making life better for the American people, but their nearly three-year-old fixation on impeachment," he said in a statement.

The impeachment inquiry could eventually

lead to Trump's removal from office, although that would be a steep task for Democrats. Even if the Democratic-controlled House voted to impeach Trump, the Republican-majority Senate would have to take the next step of removing him from office after a trial. A conviction would require a two-thirds Senate majority.

It will be the first impeachment inquiry in Congress since the 1998 probe of President Bill Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice in relation to his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The House voted

to impeach Clinton in December 1998, but the Democratic president was acquitted two months later by the Senate and remained in office. The only other president to be impeached, Andrew Johnson in 1868, was also acquitted by the Senate.

Biden said he would back impeachment if the president did not fully comply with congressional investigations.

"If we allow a president to get away with shredding the Constitution, that will last forever," Biden told reporters in Wilmington, in his home state of Delaware.

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## Domingo exits Met Opera over misconduct accusations

Opera singer Plácido Domingo on Tuesday dropped out of a performance at the Metropolitan Opera in New York while disputing accusations of sexual misconduct leveled by several women in the classical music world. Domingo, one of the world's leading tenors, was due to appear in "Macbeth" on Wednesday. Both he and the Met Opera said he would not perform there again. "The Metropolitan Opera

confirms that Plácido Domingo has agreed to withdraw from all future performances at the Met, effective immediately," the opera house said in a statement. More than three dozen singers, dancers, musicians, voice teachers and backstage staff have said in recent weeks that they had witnessed or experienced inappropriate behavior by Domingo toward women at different opera houses over the last three decades. REUTERS

## WeWork CEO Neumann resigns after investor revolt

WeWork co-founder Adam Neumann agreed on Tuesday to resign as chief executive and give up majority voting control, after SoftBank Group Corp. and other shareholders turned on him over a plunge in the U.S. office-sharing start-up's estimated valuation. The decision came after We Work parent We Company postponed its initial public offering last week following push-back from perspective stock market investors, not just

over its widening losses, but also over Neumann's unusually firm grip on the company. This was a blow for SoftBank, which was hoping for We Company's IPO to bolster its fortunes as it seeks to woo investors for its second \$108 billion Vision Fund. SoftBank invested in We Company at a \$47 billion valuation in January. But investor skepticism led to it earlier this month considering a potential IPO valuation of as low as \$10 billion, Reuters reported. REUTERS

## Netflix set for worst quarter since 2012 amid competition

Shares of Netflix dropped nearly 4 percent on Tuesday and were on track for their deepest quarterly decline in seven years after analysts added to growing worries about an impending wave of competition from Walt Disney and other rivals. Netflix has lost 30 percent since the end of June, and if that decline holds until Monday, it will have been the worst quarterly performance for the video streaming heavyweight's

shares since 2012. Upcoming streaming services from Disney and Apple have added to worries about Netflix's slowing subscriber growth and rising costs as it increases spending to create top-tier series like "Stranger Things" and "The Crown." Viewed as the most dangerous threat to Netflix, Disney+ is set to launch on Nov. 12, with a slate of new and classic TV shows and movies from some of the world's most popular franchises. REUTERS



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## NEWS

Employees walked off their jobs Tuesday over the alleged violations.

Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. is facing fresh claims that it violated New York City's labor laws after the city sued the fast-casual restaurant chain two weeks ago.

Employees from five additional stores filed complaints with the city's Department of Consumer and Worker Protection on Tuesday and walked off their jobs at lunchtime, according to Service Employees International Union 32BJ, the union organizing the workers.

The violations make it hard for fast-food workers to plan their lives, 32BJ President Kyle Bragg said in a statement.

"When fast-food companies violate these provisions, workers lack the

# Chipotle faces more labor complaints at New York City stores



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advance notice they need to plan other responsibilities such as second jobs, doctors' appointments or childcare," he said.

On Sept. 10, the city sued Chipotle, accusing it of violating its Fair Workweek Law by failing to provide schedules at least two weeks in advance and failing to pay premiums for last-minute schedule changes, among other claims.

The lawsuit stemmed from complaints by more than 30 workers at five Chipotle restaurants in Brooklyn.

"Chipotle has been working cooperatively with the city to ensure we have systems and processes in place to comply with the law, so we believe the filing of charges was unnecessary," Laurie Schallow, Chipotle's chief corporate reputation officer,

said in a statement at the time.

"Regardless, we will continue to cooperate with the city and we are addressing any prior noncompliance concerns," she said.

Tuesday's complaints bring the total number of New York City Chipotle locations facing accusations to more than 20, 32BJ said.

The National Restaurant Association, the industry's main lobbying group, the International Franchise Association (IFA) and the New York State Restaurant Association have been fighting the city's law in court since December.

They argue the policy is prohibitively expensive for franchisees, which are independently owned and operate more like a small business than a major corporation.

"The unaffordable costs associated with this well-intentioned policy make it a challenge for these franchise small businesses to operate, which unfortunately jeopardizes the livelihoods of the very employees it aims to protect," said IFA spokesman Stephen Worley.

Seattle; the California cities of San Francisco, San Jose and Emeryville; and the state of Oregon have approved similar measures. REUTERS

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## BRIEF

## Disgruntled cyclist breaks Bronx Burger King drive-thru window

The NYPD is asking for the public's help identifying a cyclist who became irate and smashed the drive-thru window of a Bronx Burger King when employees refused to serve him.

Investigators on Tuesday released surveillance video on social media in the hopes someone will come forward with more information about the Aug. 27 incident. The tweet read, "WANTED for a Criminal Mischief inside of 149 Street (Burger King) #Motthaven #bronx @NYPD40Pct on 8/27/19 @ 7:50 PM Reward up to \$2500 Seen him? Know who he is? Call 1-800-577-TIPS or DM us! Calls are CONFIDENTIAL!"

It was reported that the cyclist got into a dispute with 19-year-old Burger King employee at the store located in the Bronx on 149th Street. The employee told the cyclist that he was not allowed to pick up food at the take-out window as long as he was on a bike.

The disgruntled cyclist was seen on footage waving his cellphone through the window. He closed the window and hit it several times. The police reported that the cyclist used a chain to strike the window, causing it to shatter.

No injuries were reported and the man fled the scene. BECCA GLASSER-BAKER

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50%	3	\$1,507	3	3 Person	\$53,623	\$54,150
50%		\$1,507		4 Person	\$53,623	\$60,150
50%		\$1,507		5 Person	\$53,623	\$65,000
50%		\$1,507		6 Person	\$53,623	\$69,800
60%	1	\$1,320	47	1 Person	\$46,423	\$50,580
60%		\$1,320		2 Person	\$46,423	\$57,780
60%	2	\$1,577	43	2 Person	\$55,680	\$57,780
60%		\$1,577		3 Person	\$55,680	\$64,980
60%		\$1,577		4 Person	\$55,680	\$72,180
60%	3	\$1,820	9	3 Person	\$64,354	\$64,980
60%		\$1,820		4 Person	\$64,354	\$72,180
60%		\$1,820		5 Person	\$64,354	\$78,000
60%		\$1,820		6 Person	\$64,354	\$83,760
80%	1	\$1,772	27	1 Person	\$61,920	\$67,440
80%		\$1,772		2 Person	\$61,920	\$77,040
110%	2	\$2,931	24	2 Person	\$102,103	\$105,930
110%		\$2,931		3 Person	\$102,103	\$119,130
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# US Labor Department extends overtime pay to 1.3 million workers

Rule affects salaried U.S. workers who make up to \$35,568; takes effect Jan. 1.

The U.S. Department of Labor on Tuesday issued a long-awaited rule extending mandatory overtime pay for 1.3 million U.S. workers, far fewer than an Obama administration rule that was struck down by a federal judge.

Currently, workers who earn a salary rather than hourly wages are automatically entitled to overtime pay only if they earn less than \$23,660 a year, a figure set in 2004. The new rule will raise the threshold to \$35,568 when it takes effect on Jan. 1.

Employers must pay eligible workers 1.5 times their regular rate of pay when they work more than 40 hours in a week. Workers who



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earn above the salary threshold may still be eligible for overtime pay if they do not primarily perform management-related duties.

Several states including California and New York have salary thresholds for determining overtime eligibility that are higher than the federal standard.

Acting Secretary of Labor Patrick Pizzella said

during a call with reporters that the department "believes there will be a broad consensus that more overtime pay for America's workers is a positive step forward."

The Labor Department in 2016 doubled the salary threshold to about \$47,000, extending mandatory overtime pay to about 4 million U.S. workers.

A federal judge in

Texas ruled the following year, however, that the ceiling was set so high that it could sweep in some management workers who are supposed to be exempt from overtime pay protections.

Business groups have closely tracked changes to overtime pay regulations and were critical of the Obama-era rule. Class-action lawsuits alleging unpaid overtime are com-

mon, and large companies often pay millions of dollars to settle them.

A higher salary threshold could lead to more lawsuits, since many more workers would be covered by the federal law mandating overtime pay. Trade groups have also said a higher overtime threshold could push employers to cut some workers' hours.

Christine Owens, the executive director of the union-backed National Employment Law Project, said in a statement that the rule excludes millions of workers in various industries who should be earning mandatory overtime pay.

Owens said the rule could be vulnerable to a legal challenge because it was rushed through the regulatory process without the proper consideration of its economic impact.

However, Susan Harthill of the law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius, who represents employers, said the rule provides much-needed certainty after the Obama-era regulation was struck down.

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The Labor Department in 2016 doubled the salary threshold to \$47,000, extending overtime pay to 4 million U.S. workers; a federal judge invalidated the rule a year later.

She said that while private-sector industries will be the most affected, the lower salary threshold is also important for nonprofits and state and local governments, whose employees are often paid less than private-sector workers. **REUTERS**

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# At General Assembly, Trump sees path to peace with Iran, China

President brought subdued tone to U.N. stage as he seeks second term.

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced Iran's "bloodlust" and called on other nations to join the United States to apply pressure on Iran after attacks on Saudi oil facilities, but said there is a path to peace.

"America knows that while anyone can make war, only the most courageous can choose peace," Trump said in an address to the United Nations General Assembly annual gathering of world leaders.

In his third U.N. appearance, Trump offered a more subdued tone compared to the bombast of his previous speeches in 2017 and 2018, looking to

convey a more reassuring presence as he asks Americans for a second four-year term next year despite a fresh push for his impeachment among some Democrats.

While offering his habitual defense of national sovereignty — "the future must never belong to globalists" — Trump tempered his language, stressing the U.S. desire for peaceful relations with all and calling for collective, rather than unilateral, action.

The response to Trump in the chamber was relatively muted, a year after the crowd laughed when he boasted about his achievements and gasped in 2017 when he threatened to wipe out North Korea.

The Sept. 14 attacks in Saudi Arabia, widely

blamed on Iran, have rattled the Middle East and raised concerns about a broader war. Iran denies involvement. Trump has shown restraint in the crisis, holding back from military retaliation despite pressure from hawkish allies, at least for now.

But he promised to keep trying to squeeze Iran's economy with sanctions until Tehran agrees to give up what Washington says is a pursuit of nuclear weapons. Iran has said its nuclear program has always been for peaceful purposes only.

"All nations have a duty to act. No responsible government should subsidize Iran's bloodlust. As long as Iran's menacing behavior continues, sanctions will not be lifted, they will be tightened," Trump said.

Trump had a stern



President Donald Trump addresses the 74th U.N. General Assembly in New York, Sept. 24, 2019. REUTERS

**"Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will be beneficial to both countries. But as I have made clear, I will not accept a bad deal for the American people."**

President Trump

message for China and its president, Xi Jinping, with whom he is locked in a trade war that is damaging both country's economies. He said the world is watching how Beijing handles mass demonstrations in Hong Kong that have

heightened fears of a potential Chinese crackdown.

"How China chooses to handle the situation will say a great deal about its role in the world in the future. We are all counting on President Xi as a great leader," he said.

Trump has sought to pressure China to agree to reduce trade barriers through a policy of increasing tariffs on Chinese products. He accused China of the theft of trade secrets "on a grand scale" and said it was taking advantage of World Trade Organization rules that give Beijing beneficial treatment as a "developing economy."





"Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will be beneficial to both countries. But as I have made clear I will not accept a bad deal for the American people," Trump said. REUTERS

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## More Americans say vaping is as dangerous as smoking cigarettes: Poll

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A growing number of Americans say that vaping e-cigarettes is at least as harmful as smoking traditional cigarettes, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll, following reports of an outbreak of vaping-related illnesses and deaths.

The national online poll, released Tuesday, found that 63 percent of adults in the United States disagreed with the statement that "vaping is healthier than traditional cigarettes." That is up 16 percentage points from a similar Reuters/Ipsos poll that ran in the spring of 2016.

It also found that only 29 percent of adults think vaping is a good way to help people quit smoking, and 77 percent said that vaping should be regulated at least as strongly

# 63%

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The survey was conducted Sept. 17-18, shortly before U.S. health officials lifted to 530 the

number of confirmed and probable cases of lung-related illnesses linked to vaping. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is investigating what has caused the outbreak that has so far killed seven people.

Retail giant Walmart also said Friday that it would pull e-cigarettes from its shelves due to health concerns and their apparent popularity among teenagers.

"This is the natural consequence of a seem-

ingly unending stream of misleading news stories" about e-cigarettes, said Greg Conley, president of the American Vaping Association, an advocacy group that is partially funded by e-cigarette makers.

Conley added that many of the vaping-related health issues involved people who used e-cigarettes to smoke street-bought drugs or liquids that contain ingredients from cannabis, not tobacco. REUTERS

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## Teenage climate activist Thunberg takes on Trump's Twitter taunt

Campaigner turns  
president's mockery  
into Twitter bio.

Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg shot back at on Tuesday at U.S. President Donald Trump's attempt to mock her on Twitter by changing her profile on the social media site to reflect Trump's taunting remark.

Late on Monday Trump retweeted a clip of the 16-year-old's speech to a United Nations climate summit in which she angrily denounced world leaders for failing to tackle climate change by demanding: "How dare you?"

Trump, 73, commented: "She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!"



Greta Thunberg.

REUTERS

By Tuesday Thunberg shot back, changing her Twitter biography to: "A very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future."

A Reuters video of Thunberg glaring at Trump as he entered the United Nations in New York on Monday went viral on social media. Trump has questioned cli-

mate science and has challenged every major U.S. regulation aimed at combating climate change.

Thunberg started missing school on Fridays a year ago to protest for climate action outside the Swedish parliament, inspiring millions of children and sparking a global climate strike movement known as Fridays for Future.

On Tuesday, the hashtags #GretaThunbergOutdidTrump and #BeBest were trending in the United States. "Be Best" is Melania Trump's campaign against cyber bullying.

Thunberg is in the running for the Nobel Peace Prize, one of the few people whose nomination has become known before the awards ceremony. She is the bookmakers' favorite to win the prize next month. **REUTERS**

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**Here is why:** Knee pain can not only be brutal... it's complex. In other words, it's not a simple, easy fix.

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This formula has reduced or even eliminated the pain in many. Some were scheduled for knee replacement surgery and felt good enough to cancel their surgery.

It's amazing when patients who were once in excruciating pain... start feeling better. And start walking again. And playing golf. Or tennis. And finally getting their lives back.

Especially when they had gone to other doctors and tried so many other things.

So many had given up hope.

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### **The Treatment Formula**

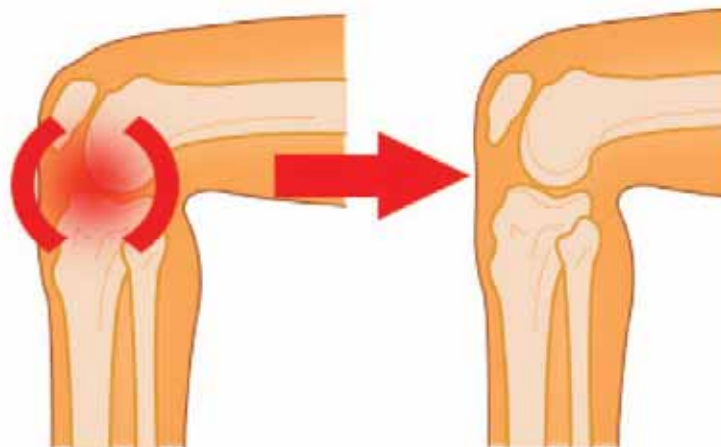
While I can't give you the entire treatment formula here (there is not enough space and WAY too complicated) I can give you the basics. And more important... I can tell you what it might be able to do for YOU.

The first and most important part of the formula is: **PATIENT SELECTION.**

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Many have had these treatments *without* good results. However, *NYC Pain MD* feels this is because doctors often do these “gel injections” without advanced imaging to guide them. Research shows they will often miss the joint. If the joint is missed... it is impossible for the treatment to work.

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Demonstrators react to the landmark ruling outside the Supreme Court in London, Sept. 24, 2019.

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## UK court rules Johnson suspended parliament unlawfully, PM defiant

Unanimous decision gives lawmakers more time to debate delaying Brexit.

The U.K. Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that Boris Johnson's decision to shut down parliament in the run-up to Brexit was unlawful, but a defiant prime minister said he disagreed and vowed that Britain would leave the E.U. by Oct. 31, come what may.

The stinging judgment by all 11 of the court's sitting justices undermines Johnson's already fragile grip on power and gives legislators more scope to try to stop him taking Britain out of the bloc next month, with or without a divorce deal.

Responding in New York to the decision, which said that the suspension was null and void, Johnson said he would respect the ruling but "strongly disagreed" with it, making clear the setback would make no difference to his Brexit agenda.

The Supreme Court ruling, the most important constitutional legal verdict in decades, was a blistering rebuke of Johnson's actions. Opposition leaders called on Johnson to resign immediately for misleading Queen Elizabeth, who had formally suspended parliament on his advice.

"The decision to advise Her Majesty to prorogue parliament was unlawful because it had the effect of frustrating or preventing

the ability of parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification," Supreme Court President Brenda Hale said.

The ruling said Johnson had not given any reason for suspending the legislature for five weeks, an act which had had an "extreme" effect on the fundamentals of British democracy.

"The prime minister's advice to Her Majesty was unlawful, void and of no effect," said Hale, adding

**"Let's be in no doubt there are a lot of people who want to frustrate Brexit. There are a lot of people who want to stop this country coming out of the E.U."**

PM Boris Johnson

that parliament was therefore not suspended and it was up to the speakers of its two chambers to decide what to do next.

The speaker of the

House of Commons, the lower and much more powerful chamber, said it would reconvene at 11:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday.

Standing alongside U.S. President Donald Trump at the United Nations, Johnson was asked if he would resign. "No, no, no," he replied, while Trump interjected: "I'll tell you, I know him well, he's not going anywhere."

Johnson was unrepentant after the landmark ruling, saying while he respected the judges, he disagreed profoundly with them. He said that as the law stood, Britain would still leave the E.U. on Oct. 31.

"The exciting thing for us now is to get a good deal — and that is what we are working on," he told reporters.

Johnson, who has no parliamentary majority and suffered repeated defeats there before the suspension, had argued the shutdown was normal while a new legislative agenda, known as the Queen's Speech, was prepared.

Critics said he had suspended parliament in order to prevent further reverses.

More than three years after the U.K. voted by 52-48 percent in a referendum to leave the European Union, the country remains deeply divided and the Brexit process has become mired in confusion, with options ranging from a turbulent no-deal exit to abandoning the entire endeavor. REUTERS



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## The best architecture and design events in NYC this fall

Though spring may bring New York City's biggest collection of international design events, some of the most interesting happenings for followers of architecture and design both old and new take place in the fall. Archtober, for example is a month-long love affair with the built environment, and Open House New York introduces visitors to some of the city's most important and rarely-seen (at least by the public) places. Add to that a designer show house and some fabulous fashion retrospectives—and much more.

**Archtober**

*Locations throughout the city*

*Oct. 1-31*

Organized by the Center for Architecture in collaboration with over 80 partners and sponsors, NYC's architecture and design month features hundreds of events, tours, and exhibitions organized by more than 60 partners across the five boroughs. From the Architecture and Design Film Festival to behind-the-scenes visits to the offices and studios of top architects to lectures by design experts, architecture-themed competitions and parties—and a pop-up library at Four Freedoms Park Conservancy—each year's version continues to keep the city's architecture crush going strong.

**Open House New York Weekend**

*Oct. 18-20*

*Locations throughout the*

**city**

Like the name says, New York City opens its doors for one weekend each year on famous buildings and historic sites for a rare moment of access and interaction with the city and the people who design, build, and preserve it. From historical to contemporary, residential to industrial, hundreds of sites across the five boroughs offer tours, talks, performances, and other special events to help raise our understanding of the importance of architecture and urban design. Past highlights have included the newly-opened 3 World Trade Center, Domino Park and Pier 17, SHoP Architects' American Copper Buildings and their iconic skybridge, artifacts and archival gems at the New York Transit Museum Archives and manufacturing spaces across the city for rare tours of more than a dozen factories.

**Architecture and Design Film Festival**

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*Sept. 16-20*

The Architecture & Design Film Festival celebrates the creative spirit behind architecture and design with a curated selection of films, events and panel discussions. Expect well-attended screenings, legendary panelists, vibrant discussions and events at what has become nation's largest film festival devoted

to the subject. Some highlights from this year's ADFF include "The Human Shelter," "The New Bauhaus," "Masters of Modern Design: The Art of the Japanese American Experience" and many, many more.

**"French Fashion, Women and the First World War" Bard Graduate Center Gallery**

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*Sept. 5-Jan. 5, 2020*

This exhibition represents an unprecedented examination of the dynamic relationship between fashion, war, and gender politics in France during World War I. On display in the U.S. for the first time are garments by Coco Chanel and Jeanne Lanvin, two of many French women leading fashion houses during World War I; the clothing and ephemera on view reveal wartime as a transitional period for fashion and women's emancipation. Skirt suits, nurses' and ambulance attendants' uniforms, mourning dresses and muffs, chic "military style" hats, and clothing worn by women who stepped into jobs previously occupied by men show how French women of all social classes dressed themselves—and why.

**"The World of Anna Sui" Museum of Arts And Design (MAD)**

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Born and raised in Detroit, beloved designer Anna Sui is credited with helping to reinvent pop

culture fashion in the 1990s with her signature rock-and-roll romantic label. Sui has continued to shape not only the garments, textiles, accessories, cosmetics, and interiors and influence the course of fashion history by popularizing the boutique fashion look. A

self-taught historian of culture, art, and fashion, she samples music, books, exhibitions, movies, time periods, photography, and art movements in her designs. The exhibition provides insights into her process, allowing the viewer to step inside her imagina-

tion and watch it unfold, including "Sui Saturday" conversations with the designer herself.

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## 2. Seek out low-down-payment loans

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How to do it: Contact lenders that specialize in low- and no-down-payment mortgages, to get a list of qualification requirements. If you're not ready now, ask what you can do to get ready.

### 3. Take advantage of down payment assistance

Nearly every state offers a down payment assistance program for first-time home buyers. Some city and county governments offer assistance as well. These programs may provide grants (read: free money), as well as zero-interest forgivable or deferred-payment loans you can use as a down payment. These programs often have income limits and credit score requirements, and they may require you to complete a home buyer education class.

How to do it: Investigate first-time home buyer programs in your state. Read over the eligibility requirements for down payment assistance. If you have questions, talk to a participating lender or contact the agency directly.

**BETH BUCZYNSKI**

On the highway to homeownership, coming up with a sufficient down payment continues to be one of the biggest roadblocks. In fact, many prospective homebuyers, particularly first-timers, find it hard to overcome this challenge without the kindness of loved ones.

Among recent home buyers age 28 and younger (who are more likely to be first-time home buyers), 28 percent got down payment help from a relative or friend, according to a 2019 report from the National Association of Realtors. With home buyers ages 29 to 38, 21 percent relied on down payment gifts.

But turning on the family money faucet isn't an option for everyone. And not all home buyers have friends with spare cash to contribute. That's OK; you can help yourself buy a house. Here's how:

### 1. Coddle your credit score

A higher credit score is the key that unlocks low-down-payment mortgage options, down payment assistance programs (more about those below), and attractive mortgage interest rates. Credit scores aren't based on how much money you make, but how you manage the money and debts you have.

**How to do it:** Check your credit report often and fix any errors, keep your credit card balances

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Q: WHAT'S THE DUMBEST INVENTION EVER?

A: The leaf blower.

Unless you live in the country and blow your leaves into a big pile and bag them, I don't understand the purpose of this noisy device. Nothing infuriates me more (okay, several things do) than watching someone blow the leaves from their side of the street to the other side of the street. And then, inevitably, someone from that side of the street blows them back. Is there really a need for this? Does anyone remember the rake? Yeah, the rake. Zeke used one in the "Dick and Jane" books (oops, before your time). It's a handy garden tool. Works better than a leaf blower. Less noisy, too.

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**Aries** Stick to the person who has been your rock through thick and thin. Offer your thoughts, concerns and plans, and work toward greater equality and shared dreams.



**Taurus** Put your situation in perspective. What's it going to cost and what's your best approach? Plan your actions instead of letting your emotions take the reins.



**Gemini** Don't mess with authority, rules or regulations. Trust only the facts and people who don't have ulterior motives. Take care of your health and emotional well-being.



**Cancer** Change requires physical energy, insight and flexibility. An opportunity will not live up to your expectations. Get the low-down before you make a commitment.



**Leo** Look for adventure, excitement and interesting, informative people. Make choices based on what you want. Be a leader, not a follower. Alter only what needs to be updated.



**Virgo** A change of pace, surroundings or direction is favored. Expand your outlook, make new connections and learn all you can. Knowledge is power, and it will be instrumental in promoting personal growth.



**Libra** Change happens when you decide to act. Take the initiative to put an end to what no longer works for you. Stop the madness and begin to live life your way.



**Scorpio** Don't let your personal and professional lives collide. Keep your emotions, domestic situation and past secret. Remain focused on what you are trying to accomplish instead of trying to impress others.



**Sagittarius** Explore the possibilities, but don't count on something hypothetical. Gather the facts and look at the costs involved. Transparency is necessary if you want to avoid making a mistake.



**Capricorn** Don't give anyone access to your personal affairs, especially if intimidation is involved. Staying in control and handling matters yourself is advised. An adjustment at home will help ward off interference.



**Aquarius** Set your plans in motion and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you've accomplished. A relationship with someone innovative will lead to new opportunities.



**Pisces** Keep a watchful eye over what others do or how they respond to change. Align yourself with people who share your beliefs and goals. Positive support will encourage change and personal growth. EUGENIA LAST

## LIFESTYLE



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# Don't stop now: A conversation with Robert Pollard of Guided by Voices

The long-running and influential indie rock band will be playing Industry City this Friday.



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Robert Pollard has always created art like it's batting practice. Once the inspiration and his muse presents itself, it can either be launched into staggering heights or connect briefly with little impact. But the ethos for Pollard is to keep swinging, no matter what. For nearly 40 years as a songwriter and sole member of the beloved indie rock band Guided by Voices, he has willed songs, albums and visual art into existence at an alarming rate. Later next month, his newly re-energized lineup will release their third proper album of the year, "Sweating the Plague," which is a prime crystallization of the three P's that Pollard looks for in crafting a collection of songs: a healthy dose of Punk, Prog and Pop. I caught up with the Dayton, Ohio, legend ahead of the band's return to Brooklyn for a City Farm Presents show in Industry City this Friday.

**The band is on an incredible hot streak with three amazing records this year — "Zeppelin Over China," "Warp and Woof," and now "Sweating the Plague." What have been some of your favorite moments on these records?** The entire process is a blast, from writing the songs up to the wrap-up in production. The chemistry with everyone involved has gotten very refined. We've gotten to know one another very well.

**It's been 15 years since the "final" Guided by Voices album, "Half Smiles of the Decomposed," which was recently reissued by Matador. Looking back at that record, how have you seen yourself change or progress as a songwriter and as an artist?** Well, one always hopes to see continuous improvement. I always say the new one is the best of all, and I mean it at the time. I've made 107 albums and I think they keep getting better. I think you have to have that attitude or what's the point? "Half Smiles" is great but I seriously don't think it's as good as what we're doing now. The company I've been keeping is a major

factor in that regard.

**Since reforming Guided by Voices, you have basically had to start from the ground up, starting with the "classic lineup" and making gradual changes in order to get to this current lineup — which is fantastic. When do you know if your supporting band is fit to be labeled GBV or if it is getting in the way of your vision?** If I sense a lack of enthusiasm for either playing live or making a record, I know I have a problem. I can tell if someone is half-assing it in both of those areas. You don't disrespect the stage or the songs. That may sound a little tyrannical, but that's the way it is. You've got to show a great sense of pride in what you're doing, or go do something else.

**Both your output with this current lineup and the live shows have been absolutely astonishing. Many people call this a new "golden age" for the band and your songwriting. Can you feel that now and does that excite you to create?** I definitely feel everyone in the band, including our producer-engineer Travis Harrison, is very coop-

erative and very excited about pumping out as many records as I want to make. They're plugged in and come up with great ideas. We just finished next year's first album, and they're already working on the one after that. Also, it's great to see a lot of young people at our shows. There seems to be a new generation of Guided by Voices fans. I'm sure their parents turned them on.

**You'll be capping off the year with a 100-song performance in L.A. That's only 40 or 50 more songs than you'd usually play! What is the story behind doing such a marathon performance?** My doctor said he dreamt it, that we played 100 songs for \$100. He even handed it to me written out on a prescription pad. So I figured, he's my doctor so we gotta do it.

**You have always favored playing a good amount of new material live and never giving fans a "festival set." What are your views on the word "legacy"? Is it detrimental for artists to rest their laurels on past achievements?** I don't see how they can even entertain resting on

their laurels and claim that they enjoy making music. I mean, you can always pull out what you did in the past and look at it with a sense of pride or embarrassment, but you have to keep it moving. It's just what you should do.

**One part of seeing Guided by Voices that goes completely above and beyond the price of admission is seeing your hilarious stage banter. Has there ever been a time where you found yourself in too much hot water after joking around onstage? Have those tangents ever influenced you to write a song after a gig?** Yeah, I've put my foot in my mouth many times. I've had people scream at me to shut up and just sing. One guy did that on the house engineer's microphone and I told the crowd to, on the count of three, scream "F—k you" to him. He never tried that again. Have you ever had a thousand people scream, "F—k you, Pat King!"? But he was probably right because I was talking s—t about a guy who was in attendance, totally unbeknownst to me.

**In Matthew Cutter's book, "Closer You Are," there are moments where it seemed like spite and the overall feeling of "Just wait, I'll show you..." were prime motivators in your creative output. Is that feeling of proving your doubters wrong still a big source of inspiration?**

No, I've already done that. I'm well-respected now as an artist and songwriter, and people know well that it's difficult to shut me up. Also, we have our own label and merchandise company. Our own world. We've targeted our audience and we know who they are.

**Part of the larger narrative around your career is how you were working as a teacher and well into your 30s when the band started to take off. It's a true testament to the belief that doing the work as an artist is the most important part of the whole thing. Do you still find that to be true and what advice do you have for those out there who are banging their heads against the wall with nothing to show for it? Do the work as an artist and keep banging your head against the wall with nothing to show for it.**



# Car buyers could save \$2,000 (or more) with an hour of research



NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

Car dealers have a saying, "Sticker is quicker," which basically means you should pay the sticker price and skip the hassle of negotiating.

But car buyers have their own saying: "Never pay retail." In other words, if you don't negotiate for your lowest price, you're a wimp.

These attitudes set up a battleground of tension for anyone buying a car, but it doesn't have to be that way. With some targeted research, car buyers can confidently negotiate based on real pricing data

and most dealers will recognize a fair offer.

Tricky sales phrases If they don't check the numbers first, most car buyers don't know what a good deal is. That's because there are so many moving parts, such as financing, trade-in value and various tacked-on bogus and legitimate fees.

Car dealers exploit this lack of knowledge and have a variety of little phrases to feed the egos of their customers as they try to fleece them. A favorite is, "We're not making a penny on this deal!"

Once, when I was buying a car, the sales manager wrote on the deal sheet, "My children will go shoeless and hungry but I'll accept your offer." As if that weren't enough, he also drew little teardrops.

These phrases work with many people. I've had friends who just

bought a car tell me, "You know, I did so well negotiating, the dealer said I should get a job selling cars."

This is all just part of the psychology of sales. Yes, there are numbers too, the real dollars the buyer pays, as well as the profit the dealership makes. And let's be fair — the dealership deserves to make money, and the salesperson deserves a commission.

Still, most car buyers simply want to know that they got a fair price. The dealer, on the other hand, wants maximum profit. So how do these two parties avoid confrontation and meet in a way that serves them both?

Know the numbers before you negotiate. Often, I read advice about car-buying that says, "Do your homework." I don't know about you, but I al-



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ways hated doing homework.

I like this advice: "An hour of research could save you \$2,000." Two grand? Really? Actually, I'm underestimating the amount. Here's a quick example. Let's say a couple is on their way to a movie theater when a new car catches their eye on a car lot. "Let's just stop in and take a quick look," they say.

An hour later, the movie is forgotten and the couple is in a sales office. (Car salespeople call this getting the customer "in the box.") They're blindly trying to negotiate the price

of their trade-in, their new car monthly payment and the interest rate. Let's say they're given \$1,000 under market value for their trade-in, are looking at paying \$100 a month too much on the car payment and are planning to finance it for 72 months, which would mean paying \$700 more than they should in interest over the life of the loan.

But they don't know they are getting ripped off. Instead, the salesperson assures them: "You're really beating us up — we're not going to make a penny on this deal."

Now, rewind this sce-

nario. This time, the couple spots the new car but proceeds to the movie as planned. Later, they check online pricing sites to see what the car is selling for, which is their target price. Then, they look up the value of their trade-in and the interest rate their credit score will get them.

Next, they put all of this data into an auto loan payment calculator and get a reasonable monthly payment. Later, they shop their offer at several places and make a deal at or below their target price — all because their research showed them how to spot a good deal. **PHILIP REED**



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# Rebirth Garments: The celebration of being unique

This brand — through design and exuberance — covers a need no market has ever managed to meet.



While the fashion industry makes many people dream about dazzling runway conceptions, in reality, everything that is dissected or sold in various consumer sectors does not reach many people who are looking for something more than common clothing.

The plus-size market is a clear example with its design gap. But in the case of queer, trans and disabled people, the

problem is even more evident. There are no designs that make people feel unique, special and reaffirm their identity.

That is why Sky Scubacub, nonbinary and disabled person of Filipino origin, thought of a piece that not only helped him in his transition, but was accessible to those who had these processes with their identity.

## Why did you decide to create Rebirth Garments?

I have had a life-long panic disorder which shapes my art, organizing work, the people with whom I surround myself, and the community I foster. I started my clothing line shortly after my chronic stomach disorder began in college. During this time, the waistband of traditional pants would cause me significant discomfort,

aggravating my stomach condition. I make myself stretchy pants with soft waistbands that accommodate my stomach pain and seams on the outside for my sensory sensitivities. I dreamt of making gender-affirming garments when I was in high school and couldn't access a chest binder. A chest binder is a garment used to flatten the chest, typically used by transmasculine people. Accessibility to gender-affirming clothing is severely limited for those without a credit card to shop online or an ID that will allow them into the adult spaces where such clothing is typically located. Even when I could access binders, I was disappointed by their medicalized appearance and feel. I decided to serve both needs in order to

make an intersectional clothing line unlike any other.

## How have you created the concept of the pieces?

Clients are asked what would make clothing more accessible to them, what would make clothing more gender-affirming, and what they want to highlight. Every garment is handmade, custom-designed to the client's measurements, accessibility needs and aesthetic preferences.

Rebirth Garments' clients are people whose functional and fashion needs are not adequately met by mainstream clothing. The majority of my customers are disabled people (including apparent/non-apparent disabilities), people with sensory sensitivities, transgender/nonbinary people and fat/plus-sized



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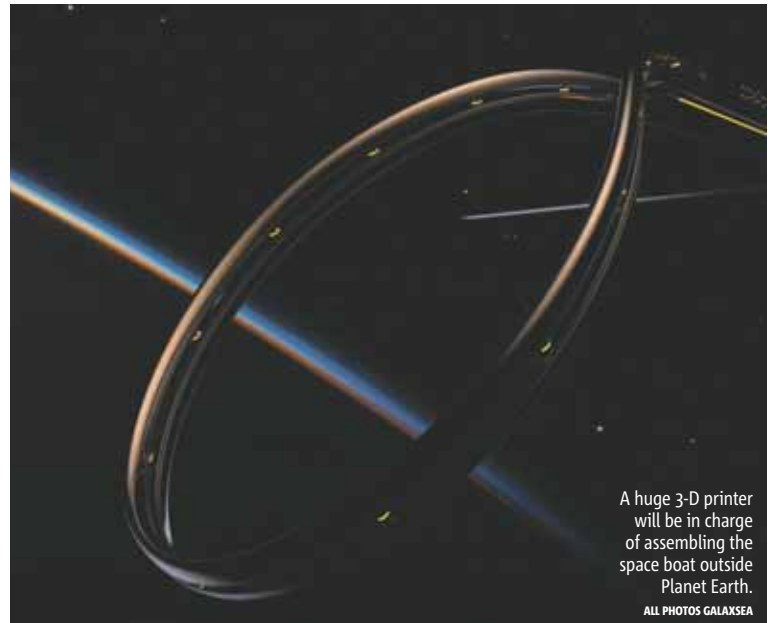
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## Boat and space hotel

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A huge 3-D printer will be in charge of assembling the space boat outside Planet Earth.  
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## Facts about GalaXsea:

- The project name comes from the mix of "Galaxy" and "Sea" — thus the design is made in the form of a sailboat.
- The solar sailboat would be manufactured with a 3-D space printer, which would extract the construction materials from an asteroid.
- According to the plan, the spaceship would have a capacity for up to 15,000 people.



## SPORTS

# Plenty of positives left for Mets despite lost 2019 season

The Mets' playoff hopes are all but dead after dropping their series opener to the Marlins.



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You can just about put the final nail in the coffin of the New York Mets' 2019 season.

Needing to win their last seven games — while hoping the Washington Nationals and red-hot Milwaukee Brewers forget how to play baseball — the Mets lost their series opener to the lowly Miami Marlins on Monday night.

That was the hammer blow.

Staring down the barrel of elimination allows every team to reflect on its season.

This has been one of the Mets' more successful campaigns over the last decade — which tells you how mediocre things have been outside of 2015.

While the New York Yankees took half a sea-

son to rebuild a couple of years ago, the Mets take decades to build a playoff contender. Not a World Series contender.

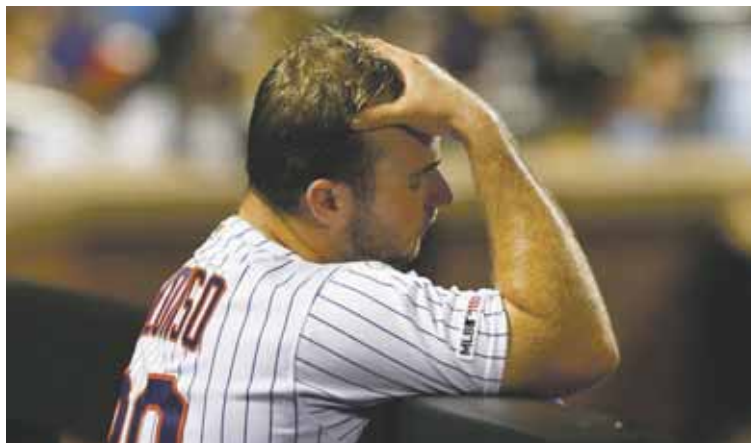
But even the frugal Wilpons and the inept managing of Mickey Callaway can't take away numerous bright spots from this season (more on that tomorrow), suggesting that the Mets do, in fact, have a contending foundation built for the future:

**1) Pete Alonso** is a star. The clear frontrunner for National League Rookie of the Year continues to topple records that have already made him a Mets legend.

He holds the Mets franchise single-season records for home runs (50 as of Tuesday night), total bases (335), and extra-base hits (82).

He also set the National League record for most home runs in a season by a rookie and is just two away from tying Aaron Judge's all-time MLB mark of 52 set back in 2017.

The Mets have never had a power bat like this and all signs point to him becoming the next



Pete Alonso's historic season likely won't be enough to get the Mets into the playoffs. GETTY IMAGES

captain of the franchise.

**2) Alonso** led a home-run barrage that has never been seen around Flushing.

The Mets set a single-season franchise record in home runs hit (232 entering Tuesday) and saw five players hit 20 or more round-trippers in the same year for the first time ever:

**PETE ALONSO: 50**  
**MICHAEL CONFORTO: 31**  
**JEFF MCNEIL: 23**  
**TODD FRAZIER: 21**  
**JD DAVIS: 20**

**3) McNeil** and Davis have quickly developed into two of the teams' most valuable talents — adding high-average, composed bats in a game predicated on slugging.

While McNeil has experienced a minor second-half swoon, he leads the team with a .316 batting average and a .384 on-base percentage while sitting second only to Pete Alonso with a .531 slugging percentage.

Davis, who was acquired from the Houston

Astros for mid-tier prospects over the winter, is slashing .306/.369/.515.

This is the first time since 2011 that the Mets could have two players bat over .300 in the same season. Eight years ago, Jose Reyes won the NL batting title with a .337 batting average while Daniel Murphy batted .320.

**4) Jacob deGrom** remains one of the best pitchers in baseball and is the favorite to win a second-straight NL Cy Young Award.

The 31-year-old has been plagued by a lack of run support as evidenced by his 10-8 record. Yet he still has a top-three ERA in the league at 2.51 while he leads baseball with 248 strikeouts.

He's been a beacon of consistency in a pitching staff that continues to fail to meet expectations.

**5) Amed Rosario** took another big step in meeting the high standards placed on him a few years ago when he was the organization's top prospect.

After batting .248 and .256 in his first two MLB seasons, the 23-year-old shortstop has found his stroke.

After a slow start in 2019, Rosario has slashed .321/.352/.458 in his last 83 games. If he continues to build on this season, the Mets have their franchise shortstop for the next decade-plus.

Imagine if this team had a real manager and bullpen?

Like I said earlier, though, more on that tomorrow.

## Predicting the Yankees' 2019 ALDS roster

With their first division title since 2012 in hand, all that's left for the Yankees to do during the final week of the regular season is secure the top spot in the American League.

It ensures that they get home-field advantage throughout the playoffs while guaranteeing a matchup with the winner of the American League Wild Card Game in the ALDS rather than the winner of the AL Central.

While they try to outpace the AL West champion Houston Astros, who also had 102 wins entering Tuesday night, some difficult decisions lay ahead for manager Aaron Boone as he selects his 25-man roster for the ALDS, which begins on Oct. 4.

Here is how we see it shaking up:

### POSITION PLAYERS (12)

C: Gary Sanchez  
C: Austin Romine  
1B: DJ LeMahieu  
2B: Gleyber Torres  
SS: Didi Gregorius  
3B: Gio Urshela  
LF/DH: Giancarlo Stanton  
CF: Brett Gardner  
RF: Aaron Judge  
OF: Cameron Maybin  
DH: Edwin Encarnacion  
IF: Tyler Wade

No Luke Voit? Not if Edwin Encarnacion is healthy and back in the mix.

The need for a utility infielder such as Wade to play second, shortstop, and third makes Voit the odd man out. The 28-year-old is bat-



The Yankees are looking to secure the best record in the American League. GETTY IMAGES

ting .254 with four home runs in his last 35 games.

A healthy Encarnacion should get the nod as the Yankees' DH in

the ALDS. He was batting .353 with four home runs in his last 13 games before an oblique injury sidelined him.

### PITCHERS (13)

SP: James Paxton  
SP: Luis Severino

SP: Masahiro Tanaka  
P: CC Sabathia  
P: JA Happ  
RP: Chad Green  
RP: Adam Ottavino  
RP: Tommy Kahnle  
RP: Zack Britton  
RP: Jonathan Loaisiga  
RP: Luis Cessa  
RP: Stephen Tarpley  
Closer: Aroldis Chapman

James Paxton has emerged as the ace of the Yankees rotation, which is why I would start him in Game 1 of the ALDS.

Last year's now-healthy ace, Luis Severino, would take the ball Game 2 while Tanaka goes Game 3.

Game 4 could see the Yankees use an opener like Chad Green before giving the ball to the veteran starters in CC Sabathia or JA Happ.

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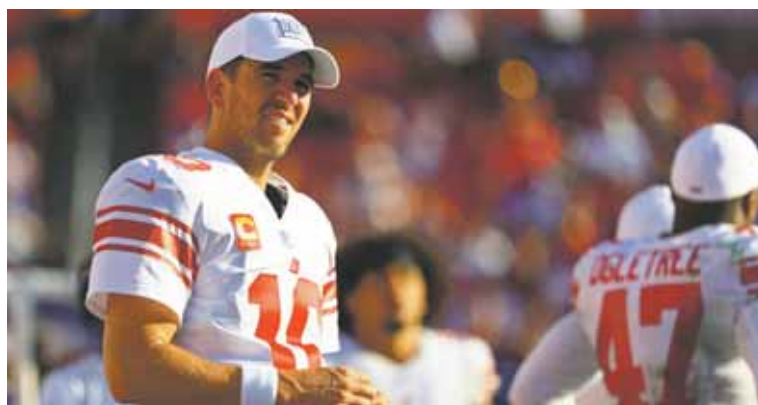
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Eli Manning will spend the rest of 2019 playing second fiddle to Daniel Jones. GETTY IMAGES

## Tabling the idea of Eli to the Jaguars

A trade involving the veteran Giants quarterback is unlikely, but a reunion with an old coach could start a conversation.



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In the blink of an eye, things are suddenly looking up for the New York Giants.

Granted, it's only one game. But that's what a dynamic quarterback can do for you.

Daniel Jones' first-career start was one for the ages as he led the Giants to their first win of the season, getting more out of the offense that veteran signal-caller Eli Manning could over the past two years.

And that's even with star running back Saquon Barkley sidelined for at least a month.

Jones' sudden rise to stardom — which could come crashing down at any moment — has only confirmed Pat Shurmur and Dave Gettleman's confidence in the 22-year-old; which is why they took him sixth-overall in the 2019 draft.

It makes Manning expendable as he faces standing on the sidelines holding a clipboard during the final year of his Giants contract.

It's an unceremonious end to his Giants tenure, as it's unlikely that he'll return to the team (and possibly football) next season.

And while it would be even more painful for all involved to see him traded, there could be an opportunity arising to make the Giants a much better team if they could spin a deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Former Giants head coach Tom Coughlin is now the vice president of football operations with the Jaguars where a reunion could be a match made in heaven.

Coughlin and Manning have a strong relationship after a 12-year run together that included two Super Bowl titles.

The strength of their bond was clearly evident when Coughlin stepped down back in 2016 as Manning took the blame for the decision after a few down years.

"He's what you want a son to be made out of," Coughlin said. "He's not the reason. Eli, it's not you. It's not you. It's us. We win, we lose together. When we lose, I lose. When we win, you guys win. That's the way it is. That's the game. I know what it is. I got the game. I got it."

"But what I would tell him, he's going to be right in here in about two days starting to work on next year, just like he always does. That's never going to change. God bless him for it."

When news broke that Shurmur benched Manning for Jones, Coughlin reportedly reached out to Manning to check in on him.

A reunion would be something out of a storybook as the Jaguars are competing in a wide-open

AFC South division.

They need a short-term fix at the quarterback position after Nick Foles went down in Week 1 with a season-ending broken clavicle. Backup Gardner Minshew has performed admirably in the interim, but Coughlin could want a guy like Manning to take over if the rookie begins to struggle.

It's unlikely Manning would want to be traded away from the Giants. He spent his entire career with the organization, has settled his family down in New Jersey, and has a no-trade clause.

But if there was one team he would lift it for, it could very well be for the Jaguars and Coughlin.

We're dealing strictly in hypotheticals, but Gettleman could use Manning to at least inquire about All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey.

The young defensive back's trade request from last week still stands even if the Jaguars have no interest in trading him — according to ESPN's Adam Schefter on Sunday.

Upon Ramsey's initial request, it was reported that the Jaguars were looking for at least a first-round draft pick.

Would the Giants be willing to dangle a first-round pick and Manning for Ramsey?

That remains to be seen and would be another tough blow for Manning to see his name in trade talks.

But Ramsey could transform a porous Giants secondary that is in desperate need of top-tier talent — which would be worth the price.



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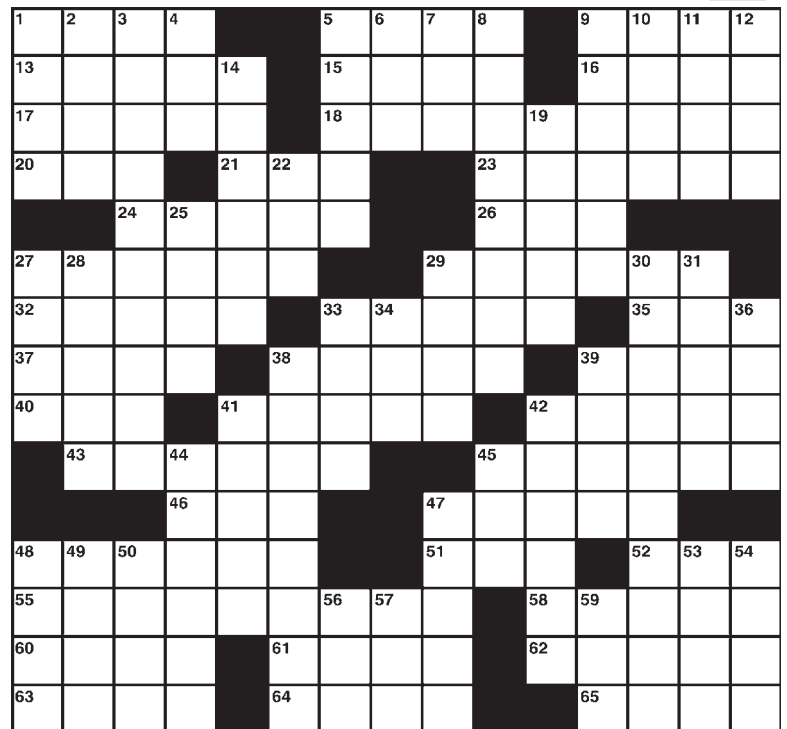
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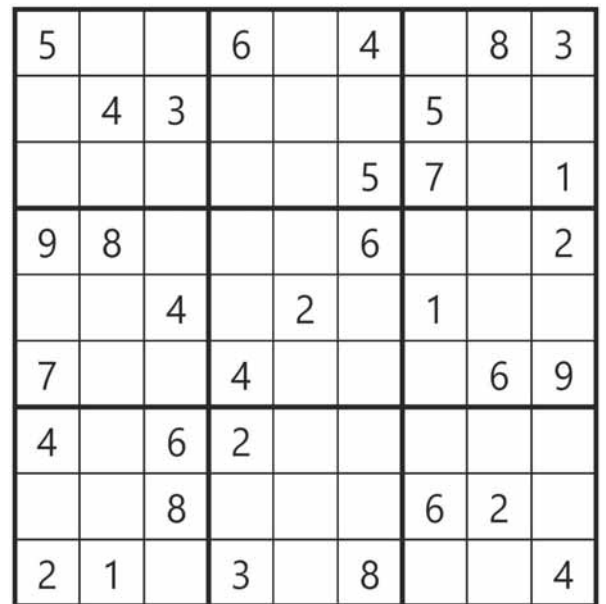
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